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SUMMARY: FOLLOWING RESPONSES NUNBERED PER QUESTIONS REFAIR.
ASTERISK BEFORE NUMBER MEANS 1976 PRELIMINARY RESPONSE STILL
APPLIES, OUR REMARKS SUPPLEMTNARY. IN ACTUAL PRACTICE REQUIREMENTS
IN GIVEN SITUATION MAY VARY SLIGHTLY FROM THOSE GIVEN. FOR EXAMPLE,
ALTHOUGH STATED POLICY ON WORK PERMITS IS LENIENT, PRACTICE SOME-
TIMES APPEARS STRICT. HERETOFORE, NIGERIAN PARTICIPATION HAS NOT
RPT NOT BEEN LEGALLY REQUIRED IN MOST AREAS OF ENGINEERING ALTHOUGH
POLICY HAS ENCOURAGED MAXIMUM UTILIZATION AND TRAINING OF NIGERIANS
AND THIS HAS OCCASIONALLY BEEN MADE A CONDITION OF CONTRACTS. MOST
RECENTLY, HOWEVER, THE INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES PANEL RECOMMENDED A
MINIMUM NIGERIAN PARTICIPATION OF 49 PERCENT IN ALL BUSINESS ENTER-
PRISES BY MARCH 31, 1978. THE GOVERNMENT AGREED BUT ALTERED IT TO
40 PERCENT EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 31, 1978. AS GENERAL RULE, NIGERIAN
PARTICIPATION ADVISABLE WHENEVER FEASIBLE AND IS ESSENTIAL FOR
EXPEDITING OFFICIAL FORMALITIES. END SUMMARY.

1.A. YES, DECREE 55/1970 REQUIRES REGISTRATION WITH COUNCIL OF
REGISTERED ENGINEERS OF NIGERIA, 45 AWOLOWO ROAD, S.W. IKOYI,
P.O. BOX 5892, LAGOS, TELEPHONE 53037.

B. 618 ON MAY 15, 1975, DATE OF LATEST REGISTER. CURRENT TOTAL
PROBABLY ABOUT 700.

C. YES, PROVISIONAL REGISTRATION.

D. COUNCIL ABOVE.

E. VALID COPIES OF PROFESSIONAL DEGREES, CERTIFICATES, EXPERIENCE,
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U.S. REGISTRATION, ETC. APPLICATION FORM COSTS 10 NAIRA,

PROVISIONAL REGISTRATION UPON CUNCIL'S APPROVAL COSTS 75 NAIRA
(ONE NAIRA IS DOLLARS 1.60).

2. TWO: THE NIGERIAN SOCIETY OF ENGINEERS, 360 HERBERT MACAULAY
STREET, YABA, P.O. BOX 2299, LAGOS, TELEPHONE 42389, ABOUT 850
MEMBERS. ASSOCIATION OF CONSULTING ENGINEERS, 13 PATEY STREET,
EBUTE METTA, LAGOS, ABOUT 500 MEMBERS.

"3.A. ADVISABLE BUT NOT REQUIRED. B. ADVISABLE. C. YES.
D. FIRM MAY INCORPORATE AS LIMITED LIABILITY OR AS PARTNERSHIP.
FORMER REQUIRES NIGERIAN PARTICIPATION, LATTER DOES NOT RPT NOT.
SUCH LOW LEVEL REPRESENTATION AS LISTENING POST DOES NOT RPT NOT
REQUIRE REGISTRATION. (SEE LAGOS A-58 FOR INCORPRATION PROCEDURES;
PROCESS CAN COST 2,500 NAIRA OR MORE, DEPENDING ON LAWYER USED.)
4.A. NIGERIAN PARTICIPATION NORMALLY NOT REQUIRED IN CONTRACTS,
HOWEVER, MINISTRY OF WORKS OFTEN ASSIGNS NIGERIAN PARTNERS ON
ROAD CONTRACTS. PARTICIPATION OBVIOUSLY ADVISABLE WHEN FEASIBLE.

B. PLICY ENCOURAGES BUT DOES NOT RPT NOT USUALLY REQUIRE
MAXIMUM HIRING OF QUALIFIED, AVAILABLE NIGERIANS AND TRAINING
OPPORTUNITIES FOR NIGERIANS.

5.A. YES, FOR VERY LARGE PROJECTS SUCH AS RAILROAD DEVELOP-
MENT. HOWEVER, IN SUCH CASES SUPERVISING CONSULTANTS USUALLY
EMPLOYED ALSO. B. THROUGH BIDDING, BUT BASED IN PART ON NEGOTIATED
COST ESTIMATES. C. YES. D. NEVER. NIGERIAN HIGH
COURT IS ARBITRATOR BUT ARBITRATION SELDOM USED. E. YES. BID
BONDS NORMALLY ASKED ON DESIGN-CONSTRUCT, FOR EXAMPLE. F. NO.
6. NO.

7. YES. BASICALLY, CONTRACT MUST SPECIFY SERVICES TO BE PAID
IN DOLLARS. FOR INDIVIDUAL INCOME, 50 PERCENT EARNED AND PAID
IN NIGERIA MAY BE CONVERTED AND REPATRIATED.

8. A. YES. B. 40 PERCENT ON PROFITS. C. YES. D. YES. E. OPIN-
IONS VARY, EVEN WITHIN SAME FIRM.

9. A. YES. B. 10 PERCENT ON FIRST DOLS3,300 TO 50 PERCENT FOR
INCOME IN EXCESS OF DOLS50,000, FOR 183 DAYS OR MORE IN COUNTRY PER
YEAR. IN PRACTICE, AFTER DEDUCTIONS MOST EXPATRIATES PAY TAXES
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ON ROUGHLY 20 PERCENT OF INCOME EARNED AND PAID LOCALLY. THERE
CONSIDERABLE PROFESSIONAL TAX GUIDANCE AVAILABLE LOCALLY. C. YES
FOR EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS UNLESS SPEIFICALLY EXPEXPTED IN THE
FOR EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS UNLLESS SPECIFICALLY EXEMPTED IN THE
CONTRACT. NO FOR PERSONAL POSSESSIONS IMPORTED ON OR WITHIN
REASONABLE TIME AFTER ARRIVAL.

10. VIRTUALLY ALL FEDERAL AND STATE MINISTRIES PLUS GOVERNMENT

CORPORATIONS OPERATING RAILWAYS, PORTS, TELECOMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

11. ENGLISH AND METRIC OFFICIALLY. INCHES AND POUNDS STILL
USED UNOFFICIALLY.

12. USE PRELIMINARY RESPONSE.

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